
Parks Commission Meeting

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM in ENM City Hall, Council Chambers, by Chair Mike Sutton. Present at Roll Call were Chair Mike Sutton, Commissioner Dawn Vernon, Commissioner and Commissioner Paul Hokeness. Also present were City Administrator Tom Terry and Recreation Specialist Jessica Davidson.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sutton led the Commission and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Vernon, second by Commissioner Sutton to approve the September agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

4) CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Little from Troop 325 attended the meeting for credit towards his Communication Badge and Citizenship Badge.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Vernon, second by Commissioner Hokeness to approve the September agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

6) GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Recreational Specialist Davidson provided an overview of the Boulder Heights Park Concept. She reported on the feedback received by the neighborhood at the August 8th Open House. The Commission discussed the concept and feedback from the neighborhood. The Commission then recommended that the park sign be placed on the corner of Andrew Avenue and Oxford Lane. They suggested that a drinking fountain with pet station be added to the concept. They also recommended that the picnic shelter be expanded to hold three to four picnic tables and electricity be added. The Commission asked staff to provide cost options for the playground surround using plastic borders or cement.
- b. Recreational Specialist Davidson updated the Commission on the start of the Pickleball program starting at Eagle View Elementary. Commissioner Hokeness shared that he along with two local pickleball enthusiasts volunteered their time to create the courts. They will also be hosting the sessions on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.
- c. Recreational Specialist Davidson sought further direction from the Commission on the installation of the Basketball Court at Rowena Ponds. The Commission discussed the

placement and directed staff to continue the installation of the Basketball hoops and striping as designed in the Conceptual Master Plan as staff bandwidth and weather permits.

6) UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. The August Parks Commission Update was provided in the September Agenda Packet. Recreational Specialist Davidson shared that the teeter totter and handicap accessible spinner will soon be installed at Wagner Park. She also shared that several parts on the play sets are being replaced due to age and safety.
- b. Recreational Specialist Davidson met with New Prague Community Education Director Sandi Loxton. They discussed pickleball and the joint powers agreement. She also attended the New Prague Community Education Advisory Council meeting. She shared that they are looking at ways to increase pool attendance and will be adding a program for disabled adults.
- c. The August financial report for the Parks Commission was provided in the September Agenda Packet.

7) PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

8) NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks Commission is set for Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 6:00 PM at City Hall in Council Chambers.

9) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Hokeness to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Davidson